



Indenture of Apprenticeship 1872



This Indenture Witnesseth that Harry Harding now aged 14 years or thereabouts son of William Harding of Swindon in the County of Wilts. Cabinet maker as his son will and accord as by and with the consent of his Father doth put himself **Apprentice** to William Morris of Swindon aforesaid Letter keep and newspaper printer to learn his Art and with him after the Manner of an Apprentice to serve from the day of the date hereof unto the full End and Term of 7 Years from thence next following to be fully complete and ended **During** which Term the said Apprentice his Master faithfully shall serve his secrets keep his lawful commands every where gladly do He shall do no damage to his said Master nor set to be done of others but to his Power shall tell or forthwith give warning to his said Master of the same He shall not waste the Goods of his said Master nor lend them unlawfully to any He shall not commit fornication not contract Matrimony within the said Term He shall not play at

Cards or Dice Tables or any other unlawful Games whereby his said Master may have any loss with his own goods or others during the said Term without Licence of his said Master He shall neither buy nor sell He shall not haunt Taverns nor absent himself from his said Masters service day or night unlawfully But all things as faithful Apprentice He shall behave himself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term **And** the said William Morris in consideration of the faithful service of the said Harry Harding to be done and performed during the said term doth hereby covenant [?] and agree that he the said William Morris shall teach and instruct his said **Apprentice** in the Art of Letter which he useth by the best means that he can shall teach and Instruct or cause to be taught and instructed ~~Finding unto the said Apprentice sufficient Moral Duress~~ unto the said Apprentice the following weekly wages ~~Lodging and all other Necessaries during the said Term~~ is to say two shillings six pence during the first year three shillings and six pence per week during the second year four shillings and six pence a week during the third year five shillings and six pence per week during the fourth year six shillings and six pence per week during the fifth year seven shillings and six pence per week during the sixth year and eight shillings and six pence per week during the seventh year.

And for the true performance of all and every the said Covenant and Agreements either of the said Parties bindeth h[]self unto the other by these presents **In Witness** whereof the Parties above named to these Indentures interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals the *First* day of *January* and in the [blank] Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Victoria by the Grace of God of the united Kingdom of **Great Britain and Ireland** **QUEEN** Defender of the Faith and in the Year of our **Lord** One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Two

The Amount of the Money or the Value of any other matter or thing given or agreed to be given with the Apprentice, by way of Premium must be truly inserted in words at length: otherwise the Indenture will be void and double such amount or value forfeit

Harry Harding
William Harding
William Morris

Witness *William E J Morris*